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State Board Amends Grade 9 Math Assessment Score Ranges

JUNEAU -- The State Board of Education and Early Development, meeting July 25 by audio conference, adopted regulations amending the assessment achievement level scores on the Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) test in grade 9 mathematics.

The score ranges for the four achievement levels (far below proficient, below proficient, proficient, and advanced) are adopted in regulation. Revised score ranges on the four achievement levels for grade 9 mathematics were needed as the test was revised during the 2017-18 school year to emphasize Algebra 1 concepts. The grade 9 English language arts (ELA) test did not change, and the score ranges will remain the same.

School districts are required to administer PEAKS ELA and mathematics assessments annually to every student in grades 3 through 8 and in one or more years, as determined by the commissioner, in grades 9 through 12. The State Board previously determined that Alaska would administer the PEAKS ELA and mathematics assessments in grade 9 only beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

The July 25 meeting packet is posted at https://education.alaska.gov/State_Board.

The next board meeting will be held on August 22 by audio conference.

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